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Venerable Master's Message

I hope everyone got their fill of Halloween candy last month. We have very few trick-or-treaters at my house, so I usually end up with a lot of candy leftover for myself.

I have always tried to eat healthy. My wife has always prepared very healthy meals, and I always tell myself that I'm going to stick with it and eat healthy through November and December. But it's like someone flips a switch in early November when the cookies and pies start showing up at all the events. Then Thanksgiving arrives, and suddenly there is food everywhere. Friends and family bring food when they visit, and at that point, there is no turning back. Then December comes—forget it, it's all over! See's Candy is everywhere, Christmas cookies are everywhere, and all those other things we probably shouldn't be eating are right in front of us. Hey, it's all about moderation, right? Right...right? Well, I hope you enjoy this time of year. I sure do!

In October, we had two very successful events with the KDEA and KSA programs. When you see our newly knighted Brothers, please take the time to congratulate them. By joining these organizations, they are committing themselves to the hard work and dedication required of the Scottish Rite Bodies. These are the members, our Brothers, we can count on to help lead us into the future.

I attended Grand Lodge Annual Communication again this year and had the opportunity to watch the changing of the pins. Our Grand Master Chan, became a Past Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Brother Ara Maloyan was installed for the 2027 year. I wish MW Chan a well-deserved couple of months to relax and enjoy the holidays, and I congratulate MW Maloyan and his line of officers. I wish them great success in the coming year.

It is always good to see active Scottish Rite members at Annual Communication. This year, I saw MW Stein, Roberto Reyes, Rod Cuevas, MW Ahni Lontoc, Jay Sener, David Vassell, Robert Salini, Tom Colgan, David Bean, Steve Lerner, Michial Warrington, Randy Rojas, Christian Moreno, and Richard Bullard. These are the people you see at the Scottish Rite every month—in the degrees, at dinner, and participating in our various body events. Thank you to those active Brothers. My apologies if I missed your name or simply didn't see you there.

This month, we will have our Fall Degrees on the 13th and 14th. Please get your Blue Lodge Brothers signed up to take the degrees as early as possible. I believe we can accommodate applications during the week of the event, but getting them signed up sooner will help us tremendously with planning and preparation.

November 11th is Veterans Day and one of the more important federal holidays we observe. Please remember that freedom is not free. The men and women who have served and continue to serve our country have made tremendous sacrifices to make America the great country it is today. Please take the time to thank our active-duty military members and our veterans for their service and sacrifice.

I am going to close with PVM Nobleza's message from last year because it is still so appropriate:

"Together, these November events reflect the rhythm of our Masonic life – gathering, learning and growing. Whether you are a longtime member or newly initiated, your presence strengthens the bonds that unite us. Let us move forward with purpose, honoring the past while embracing the future, and ensuring that the Scottish Rite remains a beacon of wisdom and brotherhood for generations to come." – Thank you Rudy

I hope everyone has a wonderful November, enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, and most importantly, get a little exercise between all those cookies and pies!

On the level, my Brothers,
Michael J. Singer
Venerable Master

IN MEMORIAM

No News

is

Good News

Soft and safe to thee, my Brother,
be thy resting place!

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Who Are You?

Can you name this Scottish Rite Mason?







Last month's picture was:
Ill:. Thomas Colgan, 33°

If you would like to submit younger pictures of yourself for this fun section of the Bulletin, please send them to:
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News From the Center

From Tina Burns, M.A, CCC-SLP

Celebrating Our Second Named Therapy Room

We are excited to celebrate another special milestone at the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Diego. Our second therapy room has officially been named in recognition of the generous support of the Manning Wealth Group. A beautiful sign now hangs outside the room, representing their commitment to the children and families in our community.

This room is the primary therapy space for Jenn Gallagher, our full time Speech-Language Pathologist. Each week, children work with Jenn to reach important communication milestones, from learning new speech sounds and expanding language skills to building the confidence to express themselves more effectively.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like Manning Wealth Group, children at our Center are able to receive speech-language therapy at no cost to their families. Their support helps ensure that children have access to the services they need to communicate, learn, and thrive. We are deeply grateful to the Manning Wealth Group for their investment in our mission and the children we serve. With two therapy rooms now proudly named, one final therapy room remains available for naming, offering another opportunity to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of our children and families.



Knights of the Double Eagle / Knights of St. Andrew Knighting



(L to R) Venerable Master Bro. Mike Singer, 32° welcomes the audience for the evening. Hon. Doug Ford, KCCH, Chairman - Knights of the Double Eagle Award addresses the crowd about the history and importance of the program while the temporary photographer captures Hon. Ford.
Ill:. JoJo Quimpo, 33°, Personal Representative, knighted the following new Knights: Bro. John Taylor, 32° and then Brian Lovell, 32°.



(L to R) Ill:. JoJo Quimpo, 33°, continued the knighting ceremony as he knighted: Bro. Nick Lawson, 32°, Bro. Carlos Gallegos, 32°, Bro. Jean Roldophe Luthi, 32°, and Bro. Hector Aguilar, 32°.



(L to R) Bro. James McGrath, 32°, Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrew, talks to the crowd about the dedicated work that the Knights of St. Andrew performs. Prior Paul Chouinard, helps with the Knighting Ceremony and administers the Oath to the new Knights.
Bro. James McGrath, 32° knights the following Bro. Hector Aguilar, 32° and Brian Lovell, 32°.



(L to R) Bro. James McGrath, 32° carries on with the knighting of Bro. Virgilio Peña, 32° and concludes with the knighting of Bro. John Taylor, 32°. Ill:. JoJo Quimpo, 33° standing with the Knights of St. Andrew.

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The many blessings that You have bestowed allow us to share our experiences. With our coming Reunion in November, let us exemplify our Scottish Rite tenets of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth.

Instill in us the resolve to invite our Masonic brothers to seek the opportunities offered by our Valley. As we grow, our service to the community by the Childhood Language Center can expand. Amen **- Ill:. Davis Winesett, 33°**

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11	**Wed**	**Veteran's Day (Office Closed)**
13-14	Fri-Sat	Fall Class/Reunion
18	Wed	New Member Orientation
26-27	**Thu-Fri**	**Thanksgiving (Office Closed)**

December

2	Wed	Stated Meeting (6:00 PM - Childhood Language Center)
9	Wed	New Officer Meeting
25	**Fri**	**Christmas (Office Closed)**

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